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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO FUNDING FOR NAMIBIA

INSTITUTE

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1. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE SWANU STUDENTS ATTENDING THE NAMIBIA INSTITUTE. OF THE ELEVEN STUDENTS ACCEPTED FOR READMISSION IN JANUARY, SIX CHOSE NOT TO RETURN UNLESS ALL SWANU MEMBERS WERE READMITTED (FOR BACKGROUND SEE REFS C CONFIDENTIAL

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AND D). ALTHOUGH ALL NON-SWANU STUDENTS IN EFFECT ATTEND THE INSTITUTE UNDER SWAPO SPONSORSHIP, AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER CLAIM NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION. ESTIMATES OF THAT NUMBER RANGE FROM 10 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY, WITH THE HIGHER FIGURE SUPPLIED BY A SWAPO OFFICIAL AND THE LOWER GIVEN BY TWO NON-SWAPO STAFF MEMBERS. OF THE NINE NAMIBIANS ON THE FACULTY AND STAFF, FOUR ARE MEMBERS

OF SWAPO, THREE BELONG TO SWANU, AND TWO CLAIM NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

- 2. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THE INSTITUTE SUPPORTS SWAPO'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES. THE INSTITUTE IS LOCATED IN CENTRAL LUSAKA, IS COMPLETELY OPEN TO VISITORS, AND IS SUBJECT TO REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS BY APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS AND OFFICES. THE INSTITUTE FOLLOWS A STRICTLY ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND ITS FINANCES ARE CLOSELY SCREENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD UN ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. ADDITIONAL NOTE ON SWANU STUDENTS: THE INSTITUTE PLANS ONCE AGAIN TO SEND A TEAM TO BOTSWANA (IN AUGUST) TO ADMINISTER ADMISSION'S TESTS TO ANY SWANU OR OTHER NON-SWAPO STUDENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY. AS NOTED REF D, SWANU MEMBERS IN 1977 REFUSED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION WHEN DEMANDS THEY MADE WERE NOT MET. CLINGERMAN

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